

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING

November 13, 2008

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 7:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 7:40 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:52 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Laura Poe

Secretary:

Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Peggy Brown

Diane Forster-Burke

Mary Williams

Pam Rice

Guests:

Linda Petersen, Ameritech College

Jeanne Hatley, Corinthian College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

October 9, 2008 Education Committee minutes:

The minutes were tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review NCLEX pass rates for Provisionally approved programs:

Reviewed.

Review NCLEX quarterly pass rates for all programs:

Reviewed. The following programs have pass rates more than 5% below the national average for the quarter ending September 30, 2008: Ameritech College RN 57.6%; College of Eastern Utah 71.4%; Southern Utah University 77.8%, and Utah Valley University 78.6%. For the PN programs, Uintah Basin had a pass rate of 68.8%. Ms. Poe indicated she will write letters to Ameritech, SUU, UVU, CEU and Uintah Basin.

Discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for Ameritech College:

Ms. Poe indicated a Memorandum of Understanding between the Division/Board of Nursing and Ameritech

College is being prepared and should be executed by December 1, 2008.

Discussion:

Ms. Poe discussed accepting other accreditation bodies not listed in the rule. She stated if there is good rational for accepting other accrediting bodies, the Committee could look at accepting that accreditation. Ms. Brown stated she is concern whether or not the program will be accepted by other institutions. Dr. Williams stated the program would need to have an agreement with the other institutions. Ms. Poe stated that as CCNE or NLNAC accept more accrediting bodies, the rules will have to be opened up to accept these accrediting bodies. Whichever accrediting bodies CCNE and NLNAC agree to accept, we will have to accept because we have accepted them in our criteria. Dr. Williams made a Motion that the parent institution needs regional or national accreditation by a body recognized by the Department of Education and an accrediting body recognized by the nurse accrediting body. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Carolyn Lewis,
Utah Career College:

Report reviewed.

Debra Edmunds,
Mountainland:

Report reviewed.

Katherine Dimmock,
Linda Petersen
Ameritech College:

Dr. Dimmock participated by telephone. Ms. Peterson met with the Committee. Committee members indicated the third quarter pass rate for Ameritech was 57.5%. Committee members stated there is confusion regarding when the students graduate. Ms. Peterson stated she will provide the Board with the names of the individuals who tested and the dates they graduated. Ms. Brown questioned the graduation dates. Ms. Petersen stated the graduating dates are February, June and October. Ms. Poe indicated the Memorandum of Understanding should be signed by next week. The MOU will clearly outline the dates and expectations that need to be met. Ms. Peterson stated that the students who graduated in October were from a mixed curriculum (the old curriculum with improvements). She reported the program has only been using the AIT exam for a few weeks. Dr. Dimmock stated the ABHES site visit for the nursing

program went well. She reported they had issues with the lab faculty to student ratio and suggested the ratio be 1:10. ABHES also found the simulated lab room was too small and the program will move the lab to a larger room. ABHES site visitors also indicated they were concern with the program not being in compliance with the State Board of Nursing due to the low pass rates of students. Dr. Dimmock stated she would forward to the Committee the ABHES list of concerns. Dr. Dimmock questioned how the Board would feel if she appointed an assistant director to work on the day to day program operations. She indicated she would still be involved in decision making, working on finalizing the curriculum, objectives and outcomes. She reported they will be submitting the candidacy documentation and accreditation documentation. Committee members indicated they only review the outcome criteria and who she hires is up to her as long as the individual has the appropriate credentials. Dr. Dimmock stated she would keep the Board appraised.

Traci Hardell,
Stevens-Henager College:

Ms. Hardell stated her program has 64 nursing students and 51 students are enrolled in pre-nursing courses. She indicated she has submitted the NLNAC candidacy application. She indicated NLNAC does not conduct surveys after the end of March and Stevens Henager is trying to complete the self study by end of this year to meet the March deadline date. Ms. Hardell stated the program hired Marianne Craven as a consultant. She stated she had 19 students graduate in September and 12 students in October. She indicated they graduate every two months.

Ms. Hardell stated students have to pass the ERI exams prior to being allowed to sit for the NCLEX examination. Ms. Hardell also indicated the length of the program has been increased and they have double the time in OB/peds/psych. She stated the students are taking practice NCLEX exams and the program will also provide test taking strategies. Ms. Hardell reported they have hired new faculty members and all are MSN prepared.

Ms. Hardell asked for clarification regarding the timeframe to have the articulation agreements in place

with regionally accredited programs for the pre-requisite courses. Ms. Poe indicated a timeframe has not been established. At one time, the Committee had indicated it must be in place by January 1, 2009, then April 1, 2009. The concern is that there are multiple disciplines, multiple departments involved and it may take some time to work out the agreement. Ms. Forster-Burke suggested the target date be January 1, 2010 and have the Committee request a progress report six months prior to that date.

Ms. Hardell stated she should hear about candidacy status by the end of the year. Ms. Hardell requested the program be approved to admit 20 students 3-4 times per year with a cap of 140 students. She reported changes to the curriculum (extending the length of the program) will begin with the March 2009 cohort. Dr. Williams made a Motion to increase admission by 20 students 3-4 times per year depending on availability of clinical sites and adequate faculty with a cap of 140 students. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. Ms. Hardell stated she would not start a cohort unless they have appropriate clinical sites. All Committee members in favor.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

December 11, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee Board of Nursing

December 11, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing